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SUBJECT: CURRENCY-EXCHANGE DISPUTE: SINDERMANN REPLY
TO SCHUETZ LETTER

REF: BERLIN 1953

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING OF SENAT AND GDR COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 12, GDR FINALLY PROVIDED RESPONSE TO GOVERNING
MAYOR SCHUETZ' LETTER OF NOVEMBER 13 TO CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SINDERMANN PROTESTING DOUBLING
OF MINIMUM CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT FOR VISITS TO
GDR AND EAST BERLIN. RESPONSE, DELIVERED ORALLY,
CONSISTED OF ONE SENTENCE: "THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GDR HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE SENAT."

2. PRESS SPOKESMAN STRUVE DECLARED DECEMBER 12
THAT SENAT DID NOT REGARD THIS AS ANSWER TO SCHUETZ
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LETTER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SENAT AND GDR HAD CONCLUDED

VISITS ARRANGEMENT THAT CONTAINED "CERTAIN NUANCES" FOR BOTH SIDES, ONE OF WHICH WAS THAT THEY WOULD NO LONGER ENGAGE IN KIND OF DISPUTES THAT WERE CUSTOMARY PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF ARRANGEMENT. STRUVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GRR WOULD NOT RETURN TO WAYS OF BEHAVIOR OF PAST YEARS.

3. ACCORDING TO STRUVE PRESS STATEMENT, DECEMBER 12 KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING SAW NO PROGRESS IN RESOLVING CURRENCY-EXCHANGE DISPUTE. GDR COMMISSIONER STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THAT SETTING OF MINIMUM-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT WAS INTERNAL MATTER, WHILE SENAT COUNTERPART REITERATED POSITION THAT RECENT INCREASE WAS VIOLATION OF NEGOTIATING BASIS OF GDR-SENAT ARRANGEMENT.

4. COMMENT: SENAT CLEARLY WISHES TO KEEP INNER-GERMAN DIALOGUE ON CURRENCY-EXCHANGE DISPUTE ALIVE, AND OBJECTIVE OF STRUVE'S COMMENTS WAS TO THROW ISSUE PROMPTLY BACK INTO GDR COURT.KLEIN

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